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OCTOBER 4

Christ Church Burial Ground, After Hours Tour: Madmen & Medicine, 5 p.m. Fridays in October: Tour the graves of notable and revolutionary physicians buried here and hear stories of Yellow Fever, medical inventions and more. Tour runs about 45 minutes. For tickets, christchurchphila.org/events

Betsy Ross House, First Friday Movie Night Under the Stars & Stripes, 5:30 p.m.: Get into the spooky spirit of the season with a showing of the 1968 classic, *Night of the Living Dead*. Movie begins at dusk; come early for after-hours, spooky house tours. BYOB and snacks and make a night of it in the courtyard. \$8, advance purchase recommended, historicphiladelphia.org

OCTOBER 4 & 5

Carpenters' Hall, Building Independence, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Sat. & Sun. through October 27: Short performances explore the First Continental Congress through the eyes of the delegates, their families and every day, 18th century Philadelphians. Program is presented in partnership with the City and County of Philadelphia and Historic Philadelphia, Inc. FREE. carpentershall.org



Christ Church, Steeple & Skyline Tour, 5 p.m.: Christ Church was America's tallest building for more than five decades and is still an eye-catching Historic Philadelphia landmark. This unique tour gives you the chance to the top of the church's Neighborhood House for an extraordinary exterior view of the church. Your guide will talk about the colonial steeple from construction of present day. Tour runs about 20 minutes; \$15 adults and \$5 children 12 and under. christchurchphila.org/events

OCTOBER 5

Betsy Ross House, Bloodletting & Burials, 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturdays through October: Travel back to 1760 Philadelphia and learn about the city's gruesome history of infection and inoculation. Meet at Betsy's grave in the House's courtyard and uncover macabre tales about bloodletting, smallpox, yellow fever and other gross experiences. And, they are all true! Along the way, meet people who lived through the ghastly 18th century and discover why Philadelphia was an infectious place to be! Tour lasts approx. one hour and is not recommended for young children. Tickets are \$20 in advance at historicphiladelphia.org Add Spooky Mini Golf (see page 2) for two at Franklin Square and make a night of it with a Spooky Twosome for just \$25.

OCTOBER 11

Christ Church Burial Ground, After Hours Tour: Madmen & Medicine, 5 p.m. Fridays in October: See October 4 for complete details.

OCTOBER 11 & 12

Carpenters' Hall, Building Independence, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Sat. & Sun. through October 27: See October 4 & 5 for complete details.

OCTOBER 12

Betsy Ross House, Bloodletting & Burials, 6 & 8 p.m. Saturdays through 10/26: See October 5 for complete details.

OCTOBER 18

Christ Church Burial Ground, After Hours Tour: Madmen & Medicine, 5 p.m. Fridays in October: See October 4 for complete details.

Independence Visitor Center, Movie on the Mall, 5 p.m.: Catch a historical, Halloween-themed movie on Independence Mall. Before the movie starts, enjoy 18th century games, arts and crafts and grab pay-as-you-go refreshments from the Liberty Beer Garden. The event is presented in partnership with Independence Historic Trust and the National Park Service. FREE. phlvisitorcenter.com

OCTOBER 18 & 19

Carpenters' Hall, Building Independence, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Sat. & Sun. through October 27: See October 4 & 5 for complete details.

OCTOBER 19

Independence Visitor Center, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.: Oktoberfest Market: Experience the best of Philadelphia's local artisans curated by Art Star and enjoy fall flavors at Liberty Garden. Pay-as-you-go. phlvisitorcenter.com

Franklin Square, Pumpkin Patch, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Pick a pumpkin to decorate and take home. FREE for children 10 and under. Advance reservations are required at historicphiladelphia.org and capacity is limited; no walk-up tickets. historicphiladelphia.org

Betsy Ross House, Bloodletting & Burials, 6 & 8 p.m. Saturdays through 10/26: See October 5 for complete details.

OCTOBER 25

Christ Church Burial Ground, After Hours Tour: Madmen & Medicine, 5 p.m. Fridays in October: See October 4 for complete details.

OCTOBER 26

Franklin Square, Trick-or-Treat Street, 12 - 2 p.m.: Follow the path to special houses along the way to receive a treat. Plus, enjoy free games, giant bubbles, music, and more with entertainer, YoYo. FREE for children 10 and under. Advance reservations are recommended at historicphiladelphia.org; capacity is limited. historicphiladelphia.org

Betsy Ross House, Bloodletting & Burials, 6 & 8 p.m. Saturdays through 10/26: See October 5 for complete details.

OCTOBER 26

Independence Seaport Museum, Spooky Seaport Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.: It's getting spooky at the Seaport! Visit for a full day of Halloween fun fit for any ghost or ghoul. Plenty of activities are planned, including spooky story time, face painting and more. FREE with admission. phillyseaport.org

OCTOBER 26 & 27

Carpenters' Hall, Building Independence, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Sat. & Sun. through October 27: See October 4 & 5 for complete details.

OCTOBER 27

Franklin Square, Bark-or-Treat Trail, 12-2 p.m.: Celebrate with a favorite canine for this pup-tastic Halloween event. Dogs are encouraged to dress in costume, follow a trail of treats, and collect helpful information for their owners. Enjoy music, photo opportunities, and a place to play and run in the Square. (Giveaways while supplies last.) FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

NOVEMBER 2 & 3

Independence Visitor Center, El Dia De Los Muertos Market, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.: Celebrate "Day of the Dead" with Mexican-American artist, crafters and vendors set up around an El Dia de Los Muertos altar in the Center's north end, plus enjoy traditional music, crafts and refreshments. Pay-as-you-go. phlvisitorcenter.com

NOVEMBER 14-24

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Fall Film Fest, times vary: Philadelphia Jewish Film and Media brings 10 days of innovative and moving films to the museum's campus. See theweitzman.org for details.

NOVEMBER 21

Franklin Square, Electrical Spectacle Lighting, 5 p.m.: Join Ben Franklin and other stars of the season for the annual debut of the Electrical Spectacle presented by PECO and the kick off of Winter in Franklin Square. FREE. historicphiladelphia.org

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Stand Up Comedy: Women at the Weitzman, time TBD: Stand-up comedian, actor, podcaster, television writer, author, producer, and activist Judy Gold performs. See the weitzman.org for details.

DECEMBER 1

Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History, Hanukkah Market, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: The second annual holiday shopping event, hosted by the museum store, features favorite vendors and food by Jewish chefs. Pay-as-you-go. theweitzman.org



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